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TO AMEMBASSY MANILA IMMEDIATE

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TAGS:ETRN, ENRG, RP

SUBJECT:SHIP BUNKERS SHORTAGE

1. REPORTS REACHING DEPARTMENT INDICATE UPCOMING PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT DECREE SEVERELY LIMITING THE AVAILABILITY OF SHIPS' BUNKER FUEL FOR FOREIGN FLAG (INCLUDING US-FLAG) VESSELS WHILE NONETHELESS PERMITTING THE SUPPLY OF PHILIPPINE-FLAG VESSELS WITHOUT RESTRICTION.

2. THE ISSUE OF PHILIPPINE DECREE RAISED IN PRESS STATEMENT GIVEN BY HELEN DELICH BENTLEY, CHAIRMAN OF FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION (FMC) YESTERDAY. WHEN ASKED ABOUT REPORTED PHILIPPINE DISCRIMINATION, SHE REPORTEDLY REPLIED THAT IF IT IS TRUE THERE WILL BE RETALIATION. (THE FMC DOES HAVE CERTAIN "TALIATORY" POWERS UNDER SECTION 19 OF THE MERCHANT MARINE ACT, 1920).

3. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS EMBASSY TO PROVIDE LATEST INFORMATION ON CURRENT AND PROSPECTIVE BUNKER AVAILABILITY, AND ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INDICATIONS OF GOP POLICY, INCLUDING ABOVE NOTED DECREE.

IN DISCUSSING QUESTION WITH GOP OFFICIALS EMBASSY MAY DRAW  
ON PARA 2 REFTEL. KISSINGER

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